

MINUTES
Of the meeting of the
BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

NOTE: The following minutes have not yet been approved and are subject to revision at the next meeting of the board.

May 16, 2003

The Board of Parole Commissioners held a public meeting on May 16, 2003 beginning at 9:00 AM at the following locations:

Conference room at the central office of the Department of Corrections located at 4070 Silver Sage Road, Carson City, NV video-conference to the office of the Board of Parole Commissioners located at 2601 E Sahara, Las Vegas, NV.

I Call to order, roll call 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dorla Salling. Present in Carson City were commissioners Goodson, Bisbee and Morrow. Present in Las Vegas were commissioners Morales, Hanebeck and Bass. No members were absent.

Also present was David Smith, Management Analyst III for the Board, Monica Howk, Executive Secretary for the Board and Michael Somsps, Deputy Attorney General. Dr. James Austin of the George Washington University.

Members of the public present in Carson City included Pat Hines and Kelly Martin-Knight. No members of the public attended in the Las Vegas office.

II Approve Minutes from April 28, 2003 Meeting

MOTION: Approve minutes from the April 28, 2003 meeting.

MADE BY: Commissioner Bass

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Hanebeck

VOTES IN FAVOR: Bass, Morales, Bisbee, Goodson, Hanebeck, Morrow, Salling

VOTES OPPOSED: None

III Parole Standards

Dr. James Austin of the George Washington University presented preliminary suggestions regarding the validation of the risk assessment instrument used to consider inmates for parole. He presented several examples of what other states are using along with a general critique of Nevada's current assessment process. Comments and suggestions were solicited from Parole Commissioners. Dr. Austin will use the suggestions in developing a validated guideline tool for Nevada based on an analysis of existing data.

IV Audit Report Meeting

Commissioner Salling presented the Audit Report finding completed by the Division of Internal Audits. David Smith presented input provided from the commissioners that was requested at the previous Board meeting. Additionally, Mr. Smith provided a summary of recommendations based on the input provided by the commissioners. Since the Board received very little outside input on this subject, the Board discussed soliciting comments from possible interested persons

MOTION: Solicit comments regarding the elimination of face-to-face hearings and report any feedback to the Board at the July meeting.

MADE BY: Commissioner Bass

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bisbee

VOTES IN FAVOR: Bass, Morales, Bisbee, Goodson, Hanebeck, Morrow, Salling

VOTES OPPOSED: None

Public Comment

Pat Hines made comments as to the face-to-face hearings. She thanked Chairman Salling for the Board's decision to solicit public input. Kelly Martin-Knight stated that Parole & Probation officers only report negative comments in the computer and should also include the positive comments.

Adjournment

Chairman Salling Adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM